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USDA TO BEGIN PUBLISHING 2014 FORECASTED YIELDS AUGUST 12

COLUMBIA, MISSOURI – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will begin publishing yield and production data for Missouri's fall harvested crops on August 12. Yield and production forecasts for corn, soybeans, cotton, rice and sorghum will be published monthly through November.

For these crops, a producer survey in which growers report their estimated yields and production is used to help forecast state yield and production. For corn and soybeans, an additional objective measurement survey is conducted. Small plots are set up in approximately 150 corn and 155 soybean fields around the state. Counts and measurements are made each month until harvest. Information obtained from these plots is used along with data from the producer survey to help forecast the corn and soybean yield.

NASS will compile and analyze the information from both surveys monthly and publish the results in monthly USDA *Crop Production* reports. Dates for publication are August 12, September 11, October 10 and November 10. All reports will be available on the NASS website: www.nass.usda.gov.

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only state- and national-level data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified.

NASS currently estimates a record 9.2 million Missouri acres planted to corn and soybeans, 3.5 million corn acres and 5.7 million soybeans acres. This large acreage, along with the better than average corn and soybean conditions as reported in NASS's weekly Crop Progress and Condition report, give the potential for a large harvest for Missouri this fall.

For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Missouri Field Office at 573-453-6430.

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